

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ryusuke KAWATE, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/942,567

GAU: 2613

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EXAMINER: PHAN, H.



OPTICAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORK SYSTEM THAT PERFORMS SYSTEM SWITCHING ONLY  
WHEN OPERATION CONDITION IS IMPROVED

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **Second and Third** month extension of time be granted to **JULY 26, 2006** for

- ☐ filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☒ filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in lieu of a Notice of Appeal. A response to the final rejection, due **APRIL 26, 2006**, has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of **\$900.00** (*2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Month*) is enclosed herewith by **credit card payment** and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. **15-0030**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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